

# THE RUTHERFORD Report

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Supervisor Janice Rutherford and her sons, Ethan and Noah, view Ice Age fossils with San Bernardino County Museum Curator of Paleontology Eric Scott.

Be always at war with  
your vices, at peace with  
your neighbors, and let  
each new year find you a  
better man.

—Benjamin Franklin

## County Museum Unearthing Ice Age Fossils

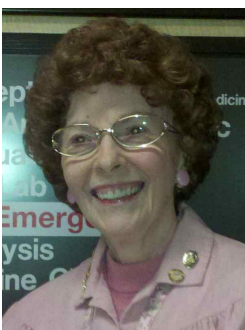
As one might expect, the San Bernardino County Museum is charged with preserving the County's history and culture. But did you know that paleontologists from the County Museum are also uncovering Ice Age fossils entombed in a desert wash just outside of Las Vegas?

About 10 years ago, the Las Vegas Field office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) contacted the County Museum with an offer it could not refuse.

The BLM had secured a grant to fund research of the Tule Springs Wash, an expanse of the Mojave Desert that boasts the largest accumulation of Ice Age fossils in the Southwest, including some dating back more than 200,000 years, and the federal agency wanted the County Museum to play a key role in collecting and preserving those fossils as well as studying the area's geological history.

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## Hospital Volunteer Helps Put Patients at Ease



Audrey Bailey likes to meet new people and help them feel at ease. That's why she is a perfect fit for her job as a volunteer at Kaiser Medical Center in Fontana.

"The stories you hear from people remind you of how much we are connected," Bailey said. "It's in my blood. I'm always anticipating 'Who

am I going to meet today?'"

Bailey, 86, got her start as a hospital volunteer in the cardiovascular lab at Loma Linda University Medical Center.

Her son, Los Angeles Police Officer David Bailey, had been shot and killed in the line of duty in the fall of 1977, and Bailey was searching for an outlet for her grief.

"I was trying to mend my heart, so getting involved with people helped me because I was helping others," she said.

Bailey's job was to escort heart patients to their various appointments around the medical center campus and to ensure they had obeyed their pre-surgery instructions, such as not eating or drinking for a certain period of time.

"They were very nervous, but we'd laugh and joke and have a good time," she said. "I still have cards and letters that they sent me over the years."

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Over the years, the County Museum has identified more than 500 previously unknown fossil sites in the area, and it has recovered thousands of Ice Age fossils including ancient mammoths, camels, horses, bison, and sloths.

County paleontologists recently confirmed the discovery of fossil remains from a saber-toothed cat. Since prey far outnumber predators in living communities, it is rare to find the remains of meat-eaters such as saber-toothed cats in the fossil record.

“I hate to say, ‘We hit the jackpot,’ this being Vegas—but we did!” joked Eric Scott, Curator of Paleontology for the San Bernardino County Museum and discoverer of the fossils.

Read more about the recent discovery in the Press Release section of the online edition of Rutherford Report.

Fossils found at the site are stabilized with plaster jackets or placed in protective containers to minimize degradation and then transported back to the County Museum. Museum staff members also create replicas of fossils for public display at the County Museum’s main location at 2024 Orange Tree Lane in Redlands.

About 400,000 to 500,000 Ice Age fossils are currently being preserved at the County Museum, which has the

distinction of being a federal repository, Museum Director Robert McKernan said.

“Anything found on federal land comes here,” he said.

The project in the Tule Springs Wash isn’t the first time paleontologists from the County Museum have been called on to help unearth ancient relics or identify fossil-rich areas. Federal and state agencies as well as some private companies have contracted with the Museum to survey and research areas to determine whether the land may contain historically valuable fossil remains.

Of course, fossils aren’t the only things preserved at the County Museum, which has a collection of about three million items, including Native American pottery, bird eggs, bugs, minerals, and more.

In addition to its main site in Redlands, the County Museum oversees seven regional sites: Agua Mansa Cemetery in Colton, Casa de Rancho Cucamonga (John Rains House) in Rancho Cucamonga, Daggett Stone Hotel in Barstow, Asistencia Outpost of the Mission San Gabriel in Redlands, Yorba Slaughter Families Adobe in Chino, Yucaipa Adobe in Yucaipa, and the Victor Valley Museum in Apple Valley.

You can learn more about the San Bernardino County Museum online at [www.sbcounty.gov/museum](http://www.sbcounty.gov/museum).

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# Imported Firewood May Contain Invasive Pest

A tiny pest that has devastated tens of thousands of oak trees in the Cleveland National Forest in San Diego County is inching its way closer to San Bernardino County by piggybacking on imported firewood.

Officials recently confirmed the discovery of the goldspotted oak borer—a beetle about the half the size of a penny—in Riverside County, and there is real concern that the invasive pest could make its way farther north.

The non-native beetle has no natural predators in this area other than the woodpecker.

If it establishes itself in the County, it could potentially kill more than 95 percent of our woodland oaks in a decade.

The pest can fly short distances, but its arrival in Southern California from Mexico and Arizona is likely the result of

imported firewood. That’s because the insect’s larvae can survive in oak firewood for up to two years. The insect’s larvae feed on trees beneath the bark, starving oaks of nutrients and killing them in about one to three years.



The insects target canyon live oak, California black oak, and coast live oak. Signs that a tree has been infested with goldspotted oak borer include D-shaped exit holes, crown thinning, and staining or oozing on the bark surface.

San Bernardino County residents and visitors are urged to buy local firewood (transporting it no more than 50 miles) in order to protect our oak trees and stop the spread of this invasive pest.

For more information about the goldspotted oak borer visit [http://cissr.ucr.edu/goldspotted\\_oak\\_borer.html](http://cissr.ucr.edu/goldspotted_oak_borer.html).

# Christian Camp Offers Mountain Retreats

Thousand Pines Christian Camp and Conference Center sprouted from the generosity of Lake Gregory's namesake and creator more than 70 years ago and continues to grow and attract thousands of visitors to the San Bernardino Mountain community of Crestline every year.

It all started in 1939 when the Southern California Baptist Convention—an assembly of area Baptist churches—accepted Arthur Gregory Sr.'s donation of 10 acres that had been used to house crews constructing the lake and its earthen dam.

The group began renovating cabins and building a new kitchen and bathing areas, and pretty soon, the camp was hosting weekend getaways for Baptist churches throughout the Southland.

Since then, Thousand Pines Christian Camp has grown to 255 acres featuring multiple meeting rooms, chapels, cabins, dining areas, a skate park, paintball course, Frisbee golf course, rope course, and much more.

In addition to continuing to host coordinated weekend events for area church groups, Thousand Pines opens its doors to business leadership retreats, weddings, and other group events.

The camp also started an Outdoor Science School for fifth and sixth grade students from area public, private, and Christian schools.

During the four- or five-day camps, students learn about botany, geology, astronomy, ecology, meteorology, and biology from the camp's experienced staff members.

"We have all of these science stations that they visit and work at throughout the week, but we also throw in a lot of fun like rope courses and games because we can," said Mike Pate, who serves as the Executive Director of Camping for Transformation Ministries, which operates Thousand Pines and two other camps in central California and Arizona.

Pate, who also serves as the Chairman of the Crest Forest Municipal Advisory Council, understands the experience young people have when they visit the camp because he attended a winter retreat there as a ninth grade student from Huntington Beach.

"It was magical," he said. "There was snow on the ground... It was a very spiritual experience for me."

Pate recalls sitting in the McKee Prayer Chapel and asking God for guidance.

"I remember praying, 'Anywhere You want to send me in this world, I am willing to go,'" Pate said. "It makes me smile because I walk by that chapel every day."

Thousand Pines also hosts annual skateboard competitions, Red Cross swimming lessons, Rotary community dinners, and more.

"We are always looking for more and better ways to utilize our facilities," Pate said.

Thousand Pines Camp is visited by about approximately 24,000 campers every year. It employs 155 full-time and seasonal staff members. Visit [www.thousandpines.com](http://www.thousandpines.com) for more information about Thousand Pines Camp.

## 2nd District Trivia

**Last Issue's Answer:** The agricultural settlement that sprang up in the 1860s in what is today north Fontana was called Grapeland.

**Question:** Why did a lumber mill crew working in what is today Cedar Pines Park chose to call a spot on the mountain "Job's Peak"?

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Bailey joined the volunteer corps at Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Fontana about 15 years ago when her insurance changed and the medical facility became her primary caregiver.

Her first assignment was to help congestive heart failure patients.

"I met so many wonderful people," she said. "They would share their stories with me, their life's history. Some of them had some very serious problems, but you know a hug can do a world of good."

In addition to being a hospital volunteer, Bailey has volunteered as a literacy tutor at the Fontana Library, and she helped translate books into braille for Valley Lighthouse of the Blind. Today, Bailey continues to help

put hospital patients at ease with her friendly nature and warm smile.

"I love how God uses us," she said. "He puts us somewhere we need to be to help people."

Kaiser Medical Center in Fontana offers a variety of volunteer opportunities for adults and teens, including directing patients around the center, assisting with blood drives, and providing blankets or reading materials to patients and their families in the emergency room.

Prospective volunteers are required to fill out an application and go through an interview, background check, and some health tests. Anyone interested in volunteering at the hospital can call Volunteer Services Director Donna Urena at (909) 427-7273 or e-mail her at [donna.m.urena@kp.org](mailto:donna.m.urena@kp.org).

## Upcoming Events

January 2, 2013	The Upland Recreation Division will host the "Biggest Loser Challenge" starting in February. Sign up to take part between Jan. 2 and Jan. 31 by calling (909) 931-4280. The cost is \$50 per team of two.
January 2-4, 2013	The Rim of the World Recreation & Park District Winter Day Camp will take place from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Lake Arrowhead Elementary and Charles Hoffman Elementary in Running Springs. Winter Day Camp is open to kids 5 to 12 year old. The cost to attend camp for three days is \$80.00, two days is \$60.00 and one day \$35.00. For more information please call (909) 337-7275 or visit the District's website at <a href="http://www.rim-rec.org">www.rim-rec.org</a> .
January 3, 2013	The Crestline Library hosts "Mother Goose on the Loose" at 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays. This educational event is designed for children up to age 3. Call the Crestline Library at (909) 338-3294 for more information about this and other events at the library.
January 7, 2013	The Lewis Library and Technology Center in Fontana hosts a free basic computer class at 11 a.m. on Mondays in the library's literacy lab. Call the library at (909) 574-4500 for more information about this and other library programs.
January 9, 2013	The Art Depot Gallery will host the Winter Artist Showcase featuring the works of Shira Seny from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Art Depot is located at 18822 Spring Street in Fontana. There is no cost to attend. Call (909) 349-6975 for more information.
January 10, 2013	The Lewis Library and Technology Center in Fontana hosts a free, family-friendly movie at the Steelworkers' Auditorium every Thursday at 6 p.m. Call the library at (909) 574-4500 for more information about this and other library programs.
January 10, 2013	The Upland Chamber of Commerce presents the Governmental Relations & Economic Development Forum from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at 215 N Second Ave, Suite D in Upland. There is no cost to attend. Call (909) 204-4465 for more information.
January 12, 2013	The Mountain Skies Astronomical Society will offer a demonstration on how to use a telescope and binoculars from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Mountain Skies Astronomy Center, 27614 Highway 18 in Lake Arrowhead. Call (909) 336-1699 for information about tickets.
January 18, 2013	Supervisor Janice Rutherford will host "Breakfast with your Supervisor" at 7:30 a.m. at Pancho Villas Restaurant, 14050 Cherry Avenue in Fontana. Cost is \$10 per person. Please RSVP at (909) 948-5037 or send an email to <a href="mailto:Supervisor.Rutherford@bos.sbcounty.gov">Supervisor.Rutherford@bos.sbcounty.gov</a> .
January 24, 2013	The Jessie Turner Health & Fitness Center, at 15556 Summit Avenue, will host the Fontana State of the City Address from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost to attend is \$35. Call the Fontana Chamber of Commerce at (909) 822-4433 for more information.
January 25, 2013	The Rancho Cucamonga Public Library will host the 2013 Big Read with a 1920's Great Gatsby-style party from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Biane Library, Victoria Gardens Mall, 12505 Cultural Center Drive in Rancho Cucamonga. There is no cost to attend. Call (909) 477-2720, ext. 5076 for more information.
January 26, 2013	Fontana Center Stage Theatre will host a performance by the legendary latin rock band MALO at 7 p.m. Center Stage is located at 8463 Sierra Avenue in Fontana. Call (909) 429-7469 for information about ticket prices.

Dates and times are subject to change without notice. Please contact Supervisor Rutherford's office at (909) 387-4833 if you have any questions or suggestions for the Events Calendar. You can view information about more local events on Supervisor Rutherford's home page at [www.sbcounty.gov/rutherford](http://www.sbcounty.gov/rutherford).